

Amendments in the Specification

The following Amendments identify sections of the Specification by the numbered paragraphs in Patent Application Publication US 2005/0058664 A1 published March 17, 2005.

Please insert the following heading between paragraph [0001] and paragraph [002] on page 1:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following heading before paragraph [0013] on page 2:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following headings and paragraph before paragraph [0014] on page 2:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1 illustrates the growth kinetics of various IBDV having amino acid exchange mutations.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

Please amend the paragraph bridging lines 19-21 on page 10 in the following manner:

[0104] The amino nucleotide sequence as well as amino acid sequence alignments were performed using ClustalW (~~http://www.ebi.ac.uk/clustalw~~).